

# HORSES KILL FOUR TIMES AS MANY AS AUTOS

Coroners' Records Give Surprise in Figures on Fatalities.

## CARS KILL 20 A MONTH.

Out of 178 Persons Run Down Since Jan. 1 Only 16 Were Victims of Automobiles.

The automobile seems to be a much-abused creature.

The records in the Coroner's office for the borough of Manhattan show that of the 178 deaths resulting from railroad, street-car, horse vehicle and automobile accidents from Jan. 1 to July 15, only sixteen are attributed to automobiles. This is rather remarkable, considering the 16,000 or more motors in use in the borough and the speed with which some of them travel. It also tends to show that the prejudices found in many quarters against automobiles and automobilists is not entirely justified.

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**LOOP OR SUBWAY  
PLAN PUT UP TO  
ENGINEER RICE**

Relief Measure Deferred Until September by Rapid Transit Commission.

The Plan and Scope Committee of the Rapid Transit Commission at a special meeting this afternoon on the proposition of a subway or an elevated structure to connect the Brooklyn and the Williamsburg bridges decided upon neither, but put the proposition into the hands of the Chief Engineer of the Rapid Transit Board, George A. Rice, to prepare plans and specifications to be submitted at the next stated meeting in September. Commissioner Meek said:

"The proposition is put up to the Chief Engineer to enlighten the members of the Board on the three specific propositions advanced—the elevated loop, the Subway connection and the crosstown connection. The committee has decided nothing, and the matter may be referred back to the Board of Estimate for final settlement."

"What was the consensus of opinion of the committee on any proposition was asked."

"The committee as such was non-committal," answered the Commissioner, "but as far as I am personally concerned I favor the elevated loop as the most feasible and practicable proposition. The railroads will not build a subway themselves, and if this city builds it will be in a position of presenting to the railroads a gift which they do not want."

"The main thing is to give the people of Brooklyn the relief which they need, and to give it to them quickly, and it seems to me that the elevated loop proposition affords the relief sought."

"The crosstown connections of the chief ferry companies, the Forty-second, Twenty-third and Thirty-fourth streets, are a part of the problem which the chief engineer will consider in his report, and whether the subway or the elevated loop will be a better proposition taking into consideration the cross-town connections."

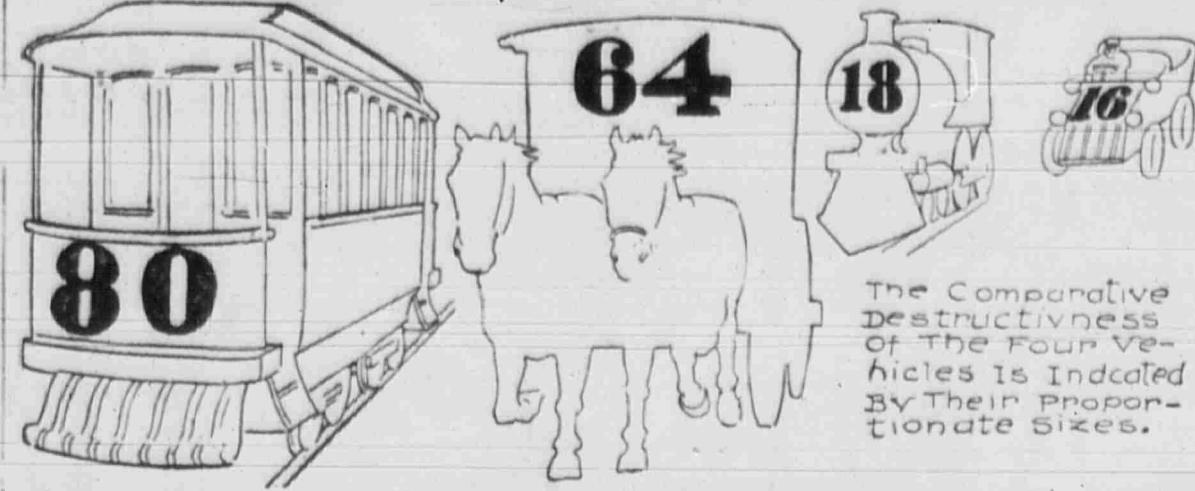
## TAKING LIFE EASY!



However on earth will you be able to withstand the bridge crush, the compressed Subway air and the tedium of another long winter without a vacation at one of the hundreds of "Summer Resorts" described from day to day in The World's Want Directory?

BETTER NOT TRY TO!

## Diagram Illustrating Mortality from Cars, Wagons and Automobiles



The Comparative Destructiveness of The Four Vehicles Is Indicated By Their Proportionate Sizes.

### THAW'S MOTHER AND WIFE UNITE ON PLEA OF INSANITY.

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before, that this is the only reasonable course left open to him. The last thing Mr. Hartridge wants for Thaw is a trial by jury in open court.

**Jerome Not Antagonistic.**

Moreover, he is said to have assurances that the District Attorney will not seek to throw obstacles in his way should he move for the appointment of a lunacy commission in the Criminal Court. Mr. Jerome is said to be well informed to the end now that Harry Thaw is a lunatic now and has been for one year. That is why Mr. Hartridge has retained as criminal lawyer to represent him.

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**Two Mrs. Thaws Meet.**

Evelyn Nesbit Thaw had on her brown poplin dress again when she went to the Tombs to see her husband. She had just come up to Murderers' Row when another cab arrived, bringing Mrs. William Thaw and her daughter, Mrs. George Carnegie. The greeting between the three women when Thaw's car was more cordial than at any of their meetings since Thaw's mother returned from Europe after the murder of Stanhope White.

**Will Seek Divorce from Wife Whose \$50,000 Gems Vanished.**

When the reporters approached Mr. Morgan he met them with such hearty good nature that a couple of seasoned newsmen who had encountered him on previous occasions almost jumped overboard. While the banker was apparently the soul of frankness, he didn't say much, as the reporters learned when they began to stir their notes for news.

Wall Street circulated reports to-day to the effect that the banker had failed because of being overburdened with London securities. This was the first piece of information given to Mr. Morgan. He appeared to be greatly taken aback.

"Nothing to it," he declared. "You can only deny that."

He was asked at the meeting next week if he was director of the United States Steel Corporation a dividend would be declared on Stock Common to all the members of the family.

Mr. Morgan said he declined to treat the question, whereupon Mr. Hartridge, as she refused to recognize him as her son's lawyer, and insisted that former Judge Olcott was the attorney to handle Harry Thaw, said:

"But the elder Mrs. Thaw did not go to Mr. Hartridge's office. If she had intended going there in the first place she changed her mind on the way downtown, for she drove straight on to No. 145 Broadway to the office of Black, Olcott, Gruber & Bonynge, where she spent some time in consultation with former Judge Olcott and Mrs. Carnegie.

Meanwhile Mrs. Evelyn Nesbit Thaw was at Mr. Hartridge's office. There was an unbroken report for about the sixth time. Leaving her in his office, Mr. Hartridge went this afternoon to the law offices of Lewis A. Delaplaine, who is associated with the Thaw family and the Black-Olcott firm in the controversy over Thaw's counsel. It was the first time he had gone there. The visit suggested the theory that Hartridge might be seeking through Mr. Delaplaine to get in touch with Judge Olcott and frame an amicable working arrangement.

"All Right Now."

Just as her cab started away from the Tombs Evelyn Nesbit Thaw said to the driver who had stepped forward to help her: "I am the elevated loop, the Subway themselves, and if this city builds it will be in a position of presenting to the railroads a gift which they do not want."

"Everything is all right now."

She was smiling happily.

When District Attorney Jerome returned next morning from Lexington it is expected that his first action in connection with the inquiry into the Harry Thaw case will be to personally examine Mrs. Nesbit to determine if Thaw is in the office of Abramson, Hummel's office, Mr. Hartridge said to-day.

If the newspaper's wish to print the name of the man who will write the paper is to get her name in the papers, it is no fault of the detective. There is not a word of truth in the statements made.

In spite of Mr. Hartridge's estimate of Miss Crane's statement, it is known that the prosecution has some testimony which lacked corroboration. It also fits in some wide gaps in the fabric of proof which the prosecution has been weaving against Harry Thaw.

In the opinion of Mr. Jerome and his assistant Mr. Garvan, that Miss Crane's story of Harry Thaw's "admission" of Evelyn Nesbit to his room at Stamford, Conn., in the three-cornered intrigue destroys the last hope of establishing a defense on the basis of justification and the unswerving truth.

The staff of the District Attorney may attach the utmost importance to Miss Crane's evidence, more especially as it practically confirms some testimony which the defense had denied, but which lacked corroboration. It also fits in some wide gaps in the fabric of proof which the prosecution has been weaving against Harry Thaw.

Mr. Jerome spent two hours in conference with Recorder Goff. This conference started a report that the proceedings in the case of the alleged assault on Matteson would originate before the Recorder.

Regarding the statements of Miss

## RECORD OF DEATHS CAUSED BY CARS AND VEHICLES.

Killed by cars.....	80
Killed by wagons, &c. ....	64
Killed by railroads.....	18
Killed by automobiles.....	16
Total.....	178

There are less than thirty blood heirs of Mr. Sage living in Troy and Oneida in this State and in Illinois.

For many years they have been waiting for the distribution of the millions of their penurious and, to them, practically unknown relative. Up to to-day they believed he had provided for all his kin in a will made many years ago.

**Ground for Contest.**

The ground for contest is that at the time the will-making Mrs. Sage was not mentally capable of comprehending the contents of the instrument. The relatives will contend that the second wife of Mr. Sage exerted undue influence over him in the distribution of his fortune and that her dominating mentality really guided him through the last ten years of his life.

There has been, on the part of the Troy heirs, suspicion for the past five years that Russell Sage was mentally incompetent. This belief was generated by treatment accorded them when they came to New York on business or otherwise.

They were never able to see Mr. Sage, and while their reception was courteous, they were made to understand that Mrs. Sage did not care particularly for their company. A Wells Stump, a lawyer, of No. 26 Broadway, has been quietly keeping track of the movements of the aged millionaire for a long time in the interests of the Troy relatives.

**Heirs Had "Tab" Kept.**

Lawyer Stump, the New York representative of the Troy heirs, is represented not only as an attorney but indirectly as an heir. He is a West Point graduate, a member of the New York bar for twelve years and married a Miss Oliver, formerly of Troy, a daughter of Russell Sage.

Stump was employed by Mr. Sage to take full charge of Mr. Sage's affairs six years ago, or about the time the will-making Mrs. Sage sole heir was drawn up. He was a young man then, a nurse of experience and ability and a man of infinite patience and tact.

Mr. Sage was eighty-six years old at the time he died, and he had been a figurehead in his office and his home.

He was never allowed to appear in a courtroom during the last ten years of his life. Lawsuits were always handled by his wife, and she might bring suit, if she chose, against the Troy heirs.

Mr. Sage was a man of great wealth.

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